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TO AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION KINGSTON FROM STATE JULY 15:

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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: NYT STORY ON ALCOA PAYMENTS ABROAD

ACCORDING TO ALCOA WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE FRANK JONES,
FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS GIVEN TO PRESS BY ALCOA MORNING
JULY 15:

QUOTE QUESTION: WHY DID YOU NOT INCLUDE MENTION OF THE
AMBASSADOR IN YOUR NEWS RELEASE?

ANSWER: OUR NEWS RELEASE WAS A SELECTION OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT FACTS OF OUR REPORT OF FINDINGS. THE AMBASSADOR
WAS ONLY INCIDENTAL TO THE EVENT. WE HAVE NO REASON TO
BELIEVE THAT THE AMBASSADOR THOUGHT THAT THE GRANT WAS
TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THE EDUCATIONAL
FUND. WE IN NO WAY SAID THAT WE WERE PRESSURED OR COERCED
BY A UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR INTO MAKING A CONTRIBUTION.
EVEN AFTER A VERY THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, WE CANNOT SAY
THAT THE MONEY INVOLVED ACTUALLY WAS USED FOR POLITICAL

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PURPOSES. IN THE COURSE OF OUR INVESTIGATION, THIS
CONTRIBUTION CAME UP AND IT WAS PROPERLY AND DULY REPORTED.
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